

URGING KILLIFER FOR SECOND BASE

Fans Think Him More Valuable There Than Behind the Plate.

WOULD WASTE TIME SITTING ON BENCH

Street Not Likely to Need Much Assistance—Nelson Matched Again.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

What is to become of Wade Killifer? Will he be a catcher, second baseman, or nondescript utility man this year? This sprightly youth broke on our vision last season as a part of the trade by which Delahanty went to Detroit in exchange for Killifer and Schaefer. When he first arrived he was either an infielder or an outfielder, but nobody had any clear idea exactly what was his best trick. He played more or less acceptably in any position, but remained in none long enough to get settled. One day, toward the end of the season, he was in the outfield, when a series of accidents sent him to the sick list—gave Cantillon the inspiration to put the lad behind the bat. Remember how he threw to bases for the remainder of the game? You should, for it was a gladsome sight. He was certainly much better than Mike Kahoe at that spectacle.

Discovered by Accident. This unearthing of Killifer's backstopping ability was not a mere chance happening. For Cantillon knew he had been a catcher in the Texas League before he went to Detroit. The parading of the youngster's forgotten qualities made a huge hit in the Capital of these United States, for the Capital is lamely shy on catchers of substance and standing to relieve Charley Street, and Cantillon intended to keep Killifer behind the plate.

The fans have now begun to take a different view. Street is so industrious that, having accidents, he will not need much assistance, and if Killifer is to be Street's understudy he will be on the bench about five months out of six. The sentiment has veered around to take Killifer off his second Street business and establish him as an infielder. The only job in the infield he could hope to get this year would be second base. It is a sure thing that he could not pry loose McBride or Elberfeld or Unglaub.

May Need a Fielder.

Schaefer is at present rated as the team's second baseman and drawing wages as such, but there is some fear that the German may not be nimble enough on his pins or sharp enough as to the eye to play up to the form that made him famous, and if he falls down on the job the club will be as bad off for a man at the middle station as it will be for a substitute big-mitt man.

This is not an unreasonable line of reasoning as advanced by some of the deepest thinkers in the Stove League, and Manager McAleer might well give it a trial.

That catching staff doesn't look strong.

If Battling Nelson was beaten as badly as the gory description of his battle with Wolgast would lead the public to believe, then he is probably making an exceedingly foolish move to meet a sturdy youngster like Cyclone Johnny Thompson the first week in May. If Nelson were in his prime he would not be acting so unheroically in making another fight so soon, for most of his punishment was around the head and none of it hard enough to knock him down and jar him completely, but he is no longer a youngster. His own experience in his third fight with Joe Gans should teach him a lesson. Gans was all in when he met the Dane the second time and was a mere shell in their third contention. Nelson will require considerable rest to recuperate from his forty rounds of pummeling and when he does recover, will he have any punting power? He had little against Wolgast, and gained none by that grueling experience.

Billy Leiman is on the mend.

CRITICISE NIEL-ATTELL GO.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Fight fans here today are severely criticizing the management of the Long Acre Athletic Club for putting on a bout so one-sided as that in which Frankie Niel was beaten by Abe Attell last evening. The fight went the scheduled ten rounds, and Neil kept from a knockout by stalling, but at no time did he have a chance.

KEEP THEIR NERVE AFTER ACCIDENTS

Watson Says Mishaps Are Only Real Tests for Racing Chauffeur.

By HARRY WARD.

Joe Watson, the famous little Chalmers driver, who piloted a press car through the Munsey tour, was talking the other day about auto racing men's nerves.

"Accidents, instead of taking the nerve of racing drivers, are rather the test fires which prove their true metal," said he. "The really great drivers of today," he continued, "are the men who have been through the worst kind of accidents. This is not merely a theory of mine, for I can back it up by actual instances, and if my personal experience counts, I can back argument with that, too."

"Take Joe Tracy for instance. He's always good for a speed record of some kind, and he has been battered in scores of accidents. Then there is Herbert Little, who is just as nervy as he ever was, and that after having his skull almost crushed. Lee Lorimer has been in some of the worst mix-ups imaginable, and he is one of the gamiest boys who ever piloted a racing car. Ralph DePalma has had some terrible smashes and Chevrolet has been through the mill. Hemery, Burman, Robertson, Fournier, and Grant are a few others who have flirted with death and still have the nerve which makes great racing drivers. The real driver of racing cars accepts accidents as a part of the game. They are risks which every man must take. Being a leading character in a few accidents doesn't take a man's nerve, but only adds to his knowledge of his profession. The fellows who lose their nerve after a serious accident do not last long at the game. Success leaves them and they soon get into some other line."

Much interest attaches to the announcement of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers that it will promote a two weeks' automobile show in Madison Square Garden, New York in 1911. The dates selected are January 7 to 14 for pleasure vehicles, reopening January 17, and closing on the 24th for commercial vehicles. To care for the exhibitors properly, arrangements have been made by the show committee to rebuild the interior of the garden, thereby securing 20,000 square feet more floor space than has been available at previous shows. It is believed that the double show of next year will exceed in all respects any previous exhibition of motor driven vehicles.

One of the exhibits at the Baltimore auto show that is attracting much attention is the elaborate display of cars and trophies shown by the Shaab Auto Company. More than \$5,000 worth of cars are on display, consisting of different models of the Renault, Rainier, Stoddard-Dayton, Marmon, and Courier. These makes won many important automobile events last season and the trophies form a very interesting feature of the show exhibit.

The massive Atlanta trophy, which cost \$10,000 and which was won by the Rainier, is shown in connection with the Munsey trophy, won by Mr. Shaab with a Renault. Mr. Shaab reports a number of sales since the show opened.

The National Electric Supply Company is using a Maxwell delivery car in order to insure quick delivery on hurry orders.

William D. West, former president of the Automobile Club of Washington, has returned from a pleasant trip to Tryon, N. C., where his family is spending the winter.

Dr. George Tully Vaughn has purchased a Rauch & Lang electric roadster from the Motor Sales Company.

The Pope Automobile Company of Washington reports the sale of an inside-drive Waverley electric brougham to Rear Admiral Van Teypen.

William Joe, manager of the auto supply department of the National Electric Supply Company, left this afternoon for Baltimore, where he will attend the automobile show.

HARVARD MEETS AMHERST IN GYM

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 25.—Harvard and Amherst will clash tonight in a dual gymnastic meet at the Hemenway gymnasium, Cambridge, Mass. Although Captain Souder, of Harvard, will be unable to compete, the chances of victory favor the crimson. From the men who make the best showing tonight, Harvard will send three delegates to be sent to Princeton to intercollegiate gymnastic meet on March 18.

WRESTLING BOOMS AFTER GOOD SHOW

Spirited Contests In National Guard Gymnasium Greatly Help the Sport.

With the close of the National Guard Memorial A. C. tournament, Washington wrestling enthusiasts are today looking forward to the opening of the Carroll Institute championships. This pleasant anticipation is directly due to the success of the tourney which closed at the Guard gymnasium last evening, and it seems the consensus of opinion that should Carroll's promotion emerge equally successful wrestling will once more be raised to the plane it enjoyed here several years of age.

Conspicuous among those present at the finals last evening were Joe Grant, C. E. Beckett, C. E. Edwards, Frank Lockhead, P. E. O'Connor, Joe Turner, and Prye King, a majority of the best known promoters and exponents of the wrestling game that Washington possesses.

Concerning the wrestling itself, there was one feature that could not fail to impress, and that was the earnestness of the men. After the numerous fiascos by professionals in the past few seasons it was a real treat to see the competitors go at it hammer and tongs and wrestle for all they were worth. With not a single exception the bouts were spirited from start to finish. There were no wrangles over the decisions and Referee O'Connor's word was accepted quietly in all of the bouts where a fall was not gained.

The condition of the men also caused considerable favorable comment. Particularly was this true of the Memorial Athletic Club men and the Gallaudet squad, though almost equally applicable to the guardsmen, despite the fact that the soldiers won but one bout. "Dough" Foley, the Memorial coach, fully deserved the praise he received. Besides bringing out several big surprises, his men won three of the eight matches. Gallaudet showed its old enthusiasm. Two of its men, Mosey and Connelly, won the feature attractions. The latter, in his contest with "Young" Turner, brother of the well-known professional, upset all predictions by spilling the navy yard phenom after slightly over four minutes of exceedingly rough grappling. Turner started like a house afire, evidently bent on "killing" the navy yard phenom after slightly over four minutes of exceedingly rough grappling. Only the solidity of the hall's walls kept the men within the gym, for they whisked about over the mat, the press tables, and several portions of the audience which occupied seats at the ring-side. His own aggressiveness, however, overcame the force so intent was he upon intimidating his opponent that he left himself wide open for the blow which wrought his defeat. Struggling in the center of the mat, the Gallaudet man suddenly seized Turner and slammed him rudely to the floor, at the same time falling upon him and pinning his shoulders.

FIFTY WHITE SOX GO WEST TONIGHT

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Fifty baseball players will leave for the West on a special train tonight when the White Sox start on their spring training trip to California. Every member of President Comiskey's big squad has signed a contract except Pat Dougherty, outfielder. It is uncertain whether he will remain a holdout.

President Comiskey was granted a permit today for the use of the buildings in his new baseball park, which will cost \$300,000. The Chicago National League Club will leave for West Baden, Ind., tomorrow.

KLING IS FORGIVEN BY HIS TEAMMATES

Resentment of Chicago Cubs Over His Defection Has Died Down.

JOE TINKER DOES MISSIONARY WORK

Carries Message of Peace From Players—Commission Asks for Letters.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 25.—That Johnny organized baseball on the basis of a "good looks like a good bet," but the National Commission is not moving rapidly in the case and the catcher will have to wait awhile before he is reinstated.

At its meeting yesterday the commission deferred action until it had the correspondence between Kling and Charles J. Murphy, president of the Chicago Nationals, with which club the catcher refused to play last year. The catcher says he is willing to furnish all the evidence in his power, but Murphy refuses to talk. The commission knows that Kling has been a bad boy, from its standpoint, but is willing for him to offer any extenuating circumstances for rubbing it in by playing with a semi-professional team against the Chicago outlaws last summer.

Barred by His Fellows.

It is said here that last May the members of the Chicago National League club had a meeting and decided that as Kling had stayed away from the team and had jeopardized its chances of winning its fourth straight pennant, he should not be allowed to return to it for a full year. Notice of this kind, it is said, was served on Manager Frank Chance by a committee of the players and he in turn had to report to President Murphy. The club players now have forgiven Kling for not joining them last spring and are willing to let him again enter their camp.

It also is said here that Kling, finding his pool party in Kansas City last summer wasn't paying, and knowing that his former comrades were sore on him and didn't want him back at that time, made one despairing effort to keep himself in the limelight by taking a team to Chicago. This venture didn't prove a great financial success, and when Kling was properly chastened in spirit, Joe Tinker did a little missionary work and advised the great catcher that the best thing he could do was to apply to the National Commission for reinstatement.

Message of Peace.

Tinker, according to well-posted baseball men, told Johnny that the Chicago players were no longer sore at him and would be glad to have him with the team.

Kling's case will come up before the commission tomorrow. The members of the commission probably will take a mail vote on his case when the new evidence is submitted. President Johnson, of the American League, will start for California tomorrow, so there is no chance of a special meeting being called for at least a month.

RICKARD DENIES REPORT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—Although he admitted that in all probability the Jeffries and Johnson fight would take place in this city, Tex Rickard, in a statement given to the press today, denied that a definite agreement had been reached.

GEORGETOWN BARS PITCHER C. BYRD

Official Announcement Made Today That Athlete Is Ineligible.

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ANNOUNCE WINNERS IN "DUCK" TOURNEY

Farrow, Hagan, and Salb are being congratulated today for finishing in the order named in the open duckpin tournament which closed last evening at the Northeast Alleys, 1233 H street northeast. This trio divided the purse of twenty dollars hung up by the management of the alleys for the three highest four-game totals.

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